

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REGIONAL IDENTITIES IN SCHOOL BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Regional identities strong in history books' appearing in 'The Hindu' dated January 11, 2000.

(b) If so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a): Yes, Sir,

(a) & (c): The National Policy on Education envisages a National System of education based on a National Curricular Framework containing a common core cutting across different subject areas. Based on the framework guidelines and the revised textbooks of the NCERT, the State Governments are expected to adopt or adapt, the same for revision of school curricula. Syllabi and textbooks in their respective schools systems in a phased manner.

An overwhelming majority of the schools in the country are under the control of State Governments and they enjoy full autonomy in all school education matters, including prescription of syllabi and textbooks within their respective jurisdiction. In the textbooks prescribed by the State Government/ Boards, they decide the proportions of regions/local events to be included.